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2        1-23    Canceled

3        24.    (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
4        gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

5              providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more  
6        gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager  
7        placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being  
8        funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

9              receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the  
10      gaming system;

11             displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
12      symbols representing a gaming result;

13             paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
14      result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

15             paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
16      jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
17      amount being larger than the first wager amount;

18             making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
19      winning progressive jackpot result;

20             increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and

1                   increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,  
2                   wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first  
3                   progressive jackpot.

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7       26.     (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
8                   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising:

9                   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more  
10                  gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager  
11                  placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being  
12                  funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;  
13                   receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the  
14                  gaming system;

15                   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
16                  symbols representing a gaming result;

17                   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
18                  result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

19                   paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the gaming  
20                  result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second  
21                  wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

1                   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
2                   winning progressive jackpot result.

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6       28.     Canceled

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8       29.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:  
9                   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
10          system;

11                   receiving a wager in the gaming system;

12                   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
13          symbols representing a gaming result;

14                   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
15          result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

16                   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
17          jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being  
18          larger than the first wager amount; and

19                   the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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21       30.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

1           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming  
2       system, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed  
3       through the gaming system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second  
4       percentage of each wager placed through the gaming system;

5           receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

6           displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
7       symbols representing a gaming result;

8           paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
9       result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

10          paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
11       jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
12       amount being larger than the first wager amount;

13          making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
14       winning progressive jackpot result;

15          wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

16          wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
17       machines; and

18          wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
19       received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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21          31. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
22       gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

1           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more  
2       gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager  
3       placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being  
4       funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;  
5           receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;  
6           displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
7       symbols representing a gaming result;  
8           paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
9       result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;  
10          paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
11       jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
12       amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
13          making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
14       winning progressive jackpot result; and  
15          wherein the respective wager activates a single payline through the combination of  
16       symbols.

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18       32. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
19       gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:  
20          providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more  
21       gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

1       placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being  
2       funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;  
3            receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;  
4            displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
5       symbols representing a gaming result;  
6            paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
7       result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;  
8            paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
9       jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
10      amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
11           making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
12      winning progressive jackpot result; and  
13           wherein the wager activates a plurality of paylines through the combination of symbols.  
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15     33.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
16   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:  
17           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more  
18   gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager  
19   placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being  
20   funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;  
21           receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

1           displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
2       symbols representing a gaming result;

3           paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
4       result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

5           paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
6       jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
7       amount being larger than the first wager amount;

8           making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
9       winning progressive jackpot result; and

10          wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a  
11       number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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13       34. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
14       gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

15           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more  
16       gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager  
17       placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being  
18       funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

19           receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

20           displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
21       symbols representing a gaming result;

1           paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot  
2       result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;  
3           paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive  
4       jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
5       amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
6           making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
7       winning progressive jackpot result; and  
8           wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a  
9       number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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11      35-70 Canceled

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13      71.     (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:  
14           a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
15           a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
16       jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
17       percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
18       being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;  
19           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
20       showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
2       winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
3       first wager amount;

4           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is  
5       the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at  
6       least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
8       result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9           wherein in response to the detector receiving the respective wager, the gaming system  
10      increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase  
11      in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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13      72.     Canceled

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15      73.     (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

16        a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
17        a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
18        jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
19        percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
20        being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

21           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
22        showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
3 first wager amount;

4           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive  
7 jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager  
8 is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager  
9 amount.

10          74. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

11           a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

12           a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
13 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
14 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
15 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

16           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
17 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

18           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
19 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
20 first wager amount;

1           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the  
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result;

6           wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined  
7 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot  
8 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

9           wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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11       75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset  
12 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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14       76. Canceled

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16       77. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:  
17           a plurality of linked gaming machines, each linked gaming machine comprising a  
18 respective wager detector;

19           a first progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines and a  
20 second progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines, the first  
21 progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming

1 system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager  
2 placed through the gaming system;

3 wherein a respective one of the gaming machines displays a number of rotating elements  
4 which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

5 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
6 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector of the  
7 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a first wager amount;

8 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the  
9 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector of the  
10 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
11 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

12 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
13 machines; and

14 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a  
15 respective wager received by any respective one of the linked gaming machines.

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17 78. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

18 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

19 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
20 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
21 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
22 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

1           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
2       showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

3           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
4       winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
5       first wager amount;

6           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the  
7       winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
8       second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

9           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
10      result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

11          wherein the respective wager activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

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13      79. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:  
14           a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
15           a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
16       jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
17       percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
18       being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;  
19           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
20       showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
3 first wager amount;

4           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the  
5 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
6 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
8 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9           wherein the respective wager activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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11       80. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

12           a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13           a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
15 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
16 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
18 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
20 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
21 first wager amount;

1           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the  
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6           wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a  
7 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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9       81. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

10           a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

11           a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
12 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
13 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
14 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

15           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
16 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

17           wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a  
18 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
19 first wager amount;

20           wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the  
21 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a  
22 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

1           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
2       result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

3           wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a  
4       number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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6       82. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

7           a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

8           a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
9       jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first  
10      percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot  
11      being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

12           wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest  
13      showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

14           wherein if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result, the gaming system  
15      pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the  
16      gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result; and

17           wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning  
18       result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result.

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20       83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector  
21      receiving a wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the

1 second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than  
2 the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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6 85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

7 wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined  
8 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot  
9 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and  
10 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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12 86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset  
13 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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15 87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a  
16 single gaming machine.

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18 88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:  
19 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;  
20 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
21 machines; and

1           wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
2         received by any unique linked gaming machine.  
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4         89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector  
5         activates a single payline for the gaming machine.  
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7         90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector  
8         activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.  
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10        91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated  
11        by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,  
12        the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.  
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14        92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated  
15        by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,  
16        the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.  
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18        93. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more  
19        gaming machines, the method comprising the steps of:  
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21           providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for, the one or  
22        more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each  
22        wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot

1 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming  
2 machines;

3 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

4 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of  
5 symbols representing a gaming result;

6 if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result, paying the largest of either  
7 the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning  
8 progressive jackpot result; and

9 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the  
10 winning progressive jackpot result.

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12 94. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:  
13 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and  
14 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,  
15 wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first  
16 progressive jackpot.

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18 95. Canceled

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20 96. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the  
21 first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive  
22 jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount

1 after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset  
2 amounts are larger than zero.

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4 97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset  
5 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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7 98. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system  
8 comprises a single gaming machine.

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10 99. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system  
11 comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

12       wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming  
13 machines; and

14       wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager  
15 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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17 100. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager  
18 activates a single payline for a gaming machine.

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20 101. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager  
21 activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

1       102. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines  
2       activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager  
3       amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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5       103. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines  
6       activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager  
7       amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.